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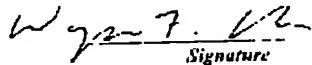
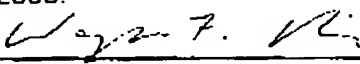
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Applicant(s): Kaplan et al.
Attorney Docket No.: YOR919990204US2
Message: Please find attached hereto the following documents:

1. Amendment Transmittal Letter (1 page) (in duplicate); and
2. Amendment and Response to Office Action (17 pages).

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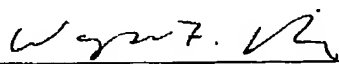
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In response to an Office Action showing a mailing date of November 18, 2004, response to which is due by February 18, 2005 without extension, and which is therefore being timely filed, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

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